

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 4500
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BENZIE, Scott, Anthony, et al.)	Examiner: D. Andrews
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Appln No.: 10/554,066)	Art Unit: 3672
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Filing Date: August 25, 2006)	
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METHOD OF CREATING A BOREHOLE IN)	
<u>AN EARTH FORMATION</u>)	January 23, 2009

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 29, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2008, Applicants submit the following response. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-26 were pending.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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